

Howland Wood - Curatorial

U.S. Army
(Adjutant General
War Department)

1918-1936

Washington, D.C.]

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1918-1919

May 21st, 1918.

General H. P. McCain,
Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

We herewith desire to make application for the new Distinguished Service Cross for permanent display in our Museum. As you are doubtless familiar, from time to time we have gotten various medals and campaign badges for exhibition purposes. The Mint has generally marked Specimen or Sample on the edge showing that they have not been given out in the regular manner. As we have hitherto had a complete collection of the various medals and badges issued by the United States, we would very much like to have a specimen of the first form of the cross with the oak leaves on, as well as specimens showing any subsequent changes. We would also appreciate having a Distinguished Service Medal when that is issued. I suppose you would furnish an order on the Mint for us to obtain these.

I remain,

Very respectfully,

Curator.

In future correspondence on this subject, refer to .001.1 New York City, N.A., (Misc. Div.)

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

May 29, 1918.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Between 155th And 156th Streets,
New York City.
c/o Mr. Howard Wood.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of May 21, 1918, in which you make application for a specimen of the new Distinguished Service Cross for display purposes in your museum, I beg leave to inform you that the new Distinguished Service Cross is not yet ready for issue.

With reference to your request for a specimen of the first form of the cross with the oak leaves on, you are informed that these crosses will be obsolete when they are replaced by the new form and will therefore not be issued for any purpose.

Very respectfully,

J.W. Riley
Adjutant General.

COPY

August 1, 1918.

Mr. Harold E. Gillingham,
423 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 19, 1918, regarding a Distinguished Service Cross and Medal for the American Numismatic Society, I beg to inform you that it is not deemed advisable now to make such disposition of crosses and medals. A great number will be needed for our oversea forces and as there will be so vast a number of requests of this nature it is thought that they should not be granted at this time.

Very respectfully yours,

Adjutant General.

Incl. 1.

August 12th, 1918.

Gen. H. P. McCain,
Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In order to keep our collection of war medals and decorations up to date we would very much like to have specimens for our Museum of the first and second designs of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. We realize that these should not be given out at random, and should be safe guarded by some mark, such a "For exhibition purpose only" as was done in the case of the three above mentioned medals that the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company of Philadelphia, now have. We already have the different types of the Congressional Medal of Honor as well as all the foreign decorations, such as the Victoria Cross, &c.

At the present time we are holding an exhibition of the insignia and devices worn by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, which is attracting much attention, and we would especially like these medals to round out our display of the American series of medals and badges.

Very respectfully,

Curafor.

In future correspondence on this subject, refer to 001.1 New-York, N.Y.
(Misc. Div.)

WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON.

August 16, 1918.

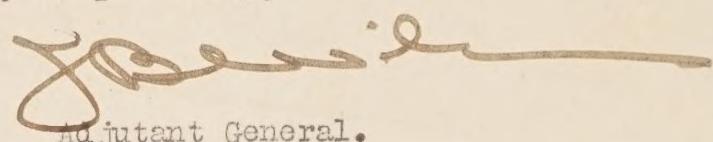
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Bet. 155th & 156th Sts.
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of August 12, 1918 requesting that you be furnished specimens of the first and second designs of the Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Service Medal, your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of a letter from this office dated August 1, 1918 addressed to Mr. Harold E. Gillingham, 423 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., on the same subject which was in response to a similar request from him on behalf of the American Numismatic Society.

From this it will be seen that your request in your letter of August 12th, 1918 cannot be granted.

Very respectfully,


Adjutant General.

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EXECUTIVE DIVISION
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

In replying refer to

M. I. 10-10.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON.

October 4, 1918.

Dear Sir:

The Chief Military Censor is having his attention called daily to books, periodicals, and articles that should not be published in time of war. In most cases such literature is openly pro-German, designed to lower the fighting morale of our troops or to present the war in an unfair light to the citizens of the United States. Often such literature reveals military secrets. At other times, however, it proves to be propaganda so cleverly disguised as to have escaped the notice of even the most patriotic publishers.

We write to request your co-operation in keeping such literature at a minimum. You can do this by referring to us for censorship any articles or manuscripts about which you are doubtful.

This office is prepared to review and pass promptly upon any manuscripts you may submit. All manuscripts are reviewed and returned with the least possible delay.

In helping to present the war and its problems fairly to the public, publishers are peculiarly fitted to render the nation a patriotic service. The Department of Military Censorship asks your aid in suppressing pro-German propaganda and in withholding military secrets. And in making this request it feels assured of your hearty co-operation.

When forwarding manuscripts, address them, "Attention Captain Spencer, M. I. 10".

Very truly yours,

M. Churchill,
Brigadier General, General Staff,
Chief Military Censor.

By:

R. Hughes,
Major, U. S. A.

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December 14, 1918.

400.312 SD-OEB

Zone Supply Officer, Storage Division, Order Entering
Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss M. L. Davidson, 141 E. 40th St., New York City, N.Y.

Distinguished service cross and medal.

1. In accordance with telephone instructions of General R. E. Wood, Acting Quartermaster General of the Army, there has been forwarded to you by registered mail this date:

1 distinguished service cross #3601
1 distinguished service medal #115
in package U.S.Reg.#329528.

2. Kindly acknowledge receipt of cross and medal.

By authority of the Zone Supply Officer.

Philip P. Heron,
Captain, Q.M. Corps.

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MEMORANDUM RECEIPT

QUANTITY	ARTICLES	CONDITION
1	Distinguished Service Cross #3601	
1	Distinguished Service Medal #115	
Shipped via Registered Mail 12/14/18.		
Authority: Telephone conversation - General Robert E. Wood		
Shipped to: Miss M. L. Davidson, 141 E. 40th Street, New York City, N.Y.		
This Copy to be Retained for your File.		

Fort Phila., Pa., December 17, 1918

I acknowledge to have received from
1st.Lt. M. C. Rees, Q.M.C.,
Quartermaster at Phila. Depot Q.M.Corp.
the above-named articles in condition as stated for use of

I am responsible for said supplies and will produce the same when called upon
to do so by proper authority.

(Sign Here)

Q. M. C. Form No. 227
Authorized April 23, 1913

Mrs M. L. Davis
141 E 40

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Received this _____ day of _____
1918, from _____
the above-named articles in condition
as stated, which were issued to _____
on Memorandum Receipt No. _____
dated _____, 1918

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U.S.A., Washington D.C., January 7, 1919. To the Zone Supply Officer,
Phila., Pa.

1. Order D-2434. With directions to ship to Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, American Numismatic Society, New York, the medals, with ribbons,
as called for in letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, dated
January 2, 1919.

2. Attention is invited to 2nd paragraph of above letter, in which
it is stated that Mr. Howland Wood, Curator, will be notified of this
action and his receipt will be taken for the loan of the medals.

By order of the Director of Purchase and Storage:

Col. F.H. Wells,
Director of Storage,

By:

Louis Kurtz,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Requisition Service Branch,
Domestic Distribution Division.

Official copy to Mr. Howland Wood, Curator, American Numismatic Society,
New York, for his information.



Line Philip Miller

in Academy east

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON,

IN REPLY
REFER TO
Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
(American Numismatic Society.)

January 2, 1896.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant forwarded to this department by Miss Mary L. Davison of New York, N.Y., in which letter you request to be furnished with samples of the distinguished-service cross and distinguished-service medal, I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that the Quartermaster General of the Army has this day been directed to forward to you a distinguished-service cross and a distinguished-service medal with accompanying ribbons, and that it is believed you will receive the same in a short time.

While these decorations are loaned your society indefinitely, title to the same will remain in the United States. They should be plainly stamped "for exhibition only", and a receipt therefore in duplicate forwarded the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Ralph T. Woodward
Adjutant General.

January 13th, 1919.

210.52 Distinguished Service
(Misc. Div.)

Adjutant General's Office,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Your favor of January 2nd we will put delayed replying until the medals were received. As you these have not come but they probably will in a day or so. The Society begs to thank the Department for its courtesy in placing on indefinite loan the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. These will be properly safeguarded and the title will remain with the United States. If they are not already stamped "For exhibition only", we will see that they are so marked. If no objections, we would prefer to place this inscription on the edge so as not to unnecessarily deface the medal.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Yours, very truly,

Curator.

WAR DEPARTMENT
PHILADELPHIA GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT
OFFICE OF THE ZONE SUPPLY OFFICER
21ST STREET AND OREGON AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Please send reply in
Duplicate quoting

File No. D-4434 DD SB (D)

and date of this letter.

February 1st, 1919.

From: Zone Supply Officer, Distribution Division, Domestic Service Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.

To: Mr. Howland Wood, Curator, American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 12th & 156th st., New York City.

Subject: Dist. Service Crosses & Medals.

1. In compliance with instructions from Director of Purchase & Storage, Washington D. C., dated January 7th, 1919, order #D-4434, there were forwarded to you by registered mail, 1/31, from this depot, the following items:

1 Dist. Service Cross, original design
1 Dist. Service Cross, present design
1 Dist. Service Medal,
1 Set of Oak Leaf and Silver Star

2. All of above articles are for exhibition purposes only, and remain the property of U.S. Government.

3.. It is requested that you acknowledge receipt of these articles by letter, forwarding same to this office, addressing same as follows:

"Zone Supply Officer,
21st & Oregon Ave., Phila. Pa.
Attention Service Branch."

By authority of the Zone Supply Officer.

jhs/gd

Philip J. Heron
Philip J. Heron,
Captain U. S. A.

OFFICIAL COPY to the Director of Storage, Domestic Distribution Div., Reg. Service Branch, Munitions Bldg. Washington, D.C. for his information, Order #4434.

Yours very truly

February 3rd, 1919.

1st Lt. M. C. Rees, Q.M.C.,
Philadelphia Depot,
Quartermast Corps,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Miss N. L. Davison I am herewith returning the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal sent to her on December 17th as per the enclosed memorandum. You will note that paragraph 3 states that the original memorandum receipt should be returned. Will you kindly send this to Miss Davison at 141 East 40th Street, New York City. On behalf of Miss Davison we beg to thank the various officials in the Quartermasters Corps for the loan of these two medals.

Yours very respectfully,

Curator.

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(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 191

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1919.

The Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thank you most heartily for your cordial letter
of the 21st. We appreciate very much your cooperation

As soon as the photographs which you have for-
warded for these files have come in we will write you
again in regard to any additional photographs we may
need here to complete our record of war medals.

Incidentally I am enclosing herewith a copy of
the cover of the Independent, showing the illustrations
to which I referred.

Sincerely,

Arthur Goddard
Captain, U. S. A.,
Pictorial Section, Historical Branch,
W.P.D., General Staff.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1919.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156 Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

This office is very cordially appreciative of the forty photographs of war medals today received. This collection will make an interesting addition to the official files.

If after we have checked up these photographs with those already in our files, we find any photographs missing, we shall take advantage of your kind offer and request such medal photographs as are needed to complete our collection here.

Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur Goodrich
Captain, U. S. A.,
Pictorial Section, Historical Branch,
W.P.D., General Staff.

The Independent

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED
HARPER'S WEEKLY

French Croix de Guerre



French Legion d'Honneur



British Victoria Cross



British Distinguished Service Order



Congressional Medal of Honor for the Army



U. S. Distinguished Service Cross



U. S. Distinguished Service Medal



Congressional Medal of Honor for the Navy



Belgian Croix de Guerre



Italian Order of the Crown



Serbian Order of Karageorge



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Belgium, Croix de Guerre(Reverse)

" Order of Leopold, 5th Class, Military (Reverse)

Italy, Order of St. Maurice And St. Lazarus, 5th Class

Russia, Order of Alexander Newsky

" Order of St. Stanislaus, 2nd Class

" Order of St. Anne, 3rd Class

" Order of St. George, 3rd Class

Japan Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Class

" Order of the Rising Sun, 6th Class

" Order of the Golden Kite, 7th Class

" National Red Cross for Men

Serbia Order of Takova, 4th Class

" Order St. Sava, 5th Class

" Order of the White Eagle, 5th Class

Greece, Order of the Redeemer, 5th Class

Montenegro, Order of Danilo I, 4th Class

Romania, Order of the Crown, 5th Class

Portugal, Order of St. James of the Sword, 4th Class

Cuba, Order of Naval Merit for achievement during war, 3rd Class

" Order of Honor and Merit, National Red Cross, 4th Class

Siam Order of the Crown, 5th Class

Liberia, Order of African Redemption, 3rd Class

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" Congressional Medal of Honor (Army) 1st type & ribbon

" Medal of Honor (Navy) 3rd combination of type & ribbon

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" Meritorious Service in the West Indies (Navy)

Austria, Order of Francis Joseph, 3rd Class

Bulgaria, Order of St. Alexander, 5th Class

Turkey, Order of the Medjidi, 5th Class

April 11, 1919.

Office of the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We desire to make application for exhibition purposes only for the medal for service in the Spanish War, the medal for service on the Mexican border, and the Army of Porto Rico Occupation badge, which we understand have been recently issued.

As your files will show, we have generally been given an order on the mint or the maker for these, we paying the price charged.

The word "Specimen" or "For exhibition purposes only" has been engraved on these badges.

We beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Curator.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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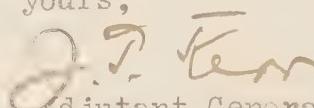
April 19, 1919

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, in which you requested to be furnished for exhibition purposes the Spanish National Guard Medal, Mexican Border National Guard Medal and Porto Rican Occupation Badge, I have the honor to inform you that a letter has this day been forwarded to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, directing them to furnish you a Porto Rican Occupation Badge at cost price, same to be marked "for exhibition purposes only". As the other two badges mentioned are not supplied by the Mint, steps have been taken to ascertain if it will be possible to have them furnished you at cost price by the Zone Supply Officer and you will be further advised at an early date regarding the same.

Very truly yours,


Adjutant General
In Charge of Office.

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(Misc. Div.)

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War Department, A. G. O., April 19, 1919 - To The Zone Supply Officer

For remark and recommendation. The American Numismatic Society have heretofore been granted authority to purchase from the United States Mint all of the campaign badges furnished by the Mint, such badges and medals being marked "for exhibition purposes only".

By order of the Secretary of War.

Joseph Harrington
Adjutant General.

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Zone Supply Officer, U.S.A., Washington, D.C., April 25th, 1919. To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned, with information that this office has not had any campaign badges or medals in stock, marked "for exhibition purposes only".

2. The medals referred to hereon have not yet been furnished for distribution.

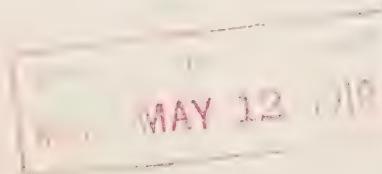
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F. H. LAWTON,
Colonel, Quartermaster Corps,
Zone Supply Officer.

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the Chief or staff. *M.S.*



REC'D BACK, A.C.C. MAY 11 1919



THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

May 27th, 1919

The Adjutant General's Office,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

We think you would desire to know, in case you have not already been informed of the fact, that private manufacturers, (we are led to believe in France) are making imitations of various foreign war medals and decorations, including both types of our Distinguished Service Cross.

I am enclosing a specimen of one of these which your department might be interested in seeing. Please see that this is returned to us, as we desire to keep it in our Museum for record purposes.

Very truly

Howard Work
Curator.

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War Department,

Washington, D. C.

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Curator.

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A. G. O., June 2, 1919 - To The Chief of Staff.

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CMT:GLC

War Department, A. G. O., June 10, 1919 - To Mr. Howlan Wood, Curator, American Numismatic Society, Broadway, bet. 155th & 156th Sts., New York.

1. Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo, with which you enclose a distinguished-service cross manufactured by a private concern, I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you as follows:

There is no law under which the manufacture of United States decorations, medals, etc., by private concerns, either foreign or domestic, can be prevented.

There is, at present, a law before Congress which, if passed, will prevent the wearing of any official decorations, medals, etc., by any person not entitled to wear them. A heavy penalty for violation of this act is attached to it as now presented to Congress, but this will involve the punishment of the wearer, not the manufacturer.

The War Department desires to thank you for your patriotic interest in bringing this matter to its attention.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W.E.Cole
Adjutant General.

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The War Department desires to thank you for your patriotic interest in bringing this matter to its attention.

By order of the Secretary of War:

W. B. DODD
Adjutant General.

1 encl.sample D.S.C

June 25, 1919.

Office of the Adjutant, Misc. Div.
War Department, Washington, D. C.

On April 12th we made application for the new Spanish National Guard Medal and the Mexican Border National Guard Medal as well as the Portion Occupation Badge. This letter we received from the Mint. We were then informed by you on April 19th that the Spanish National Guard Medal and the Mexican Border National Guard were not furnished by the Mint but probably could be furnished by the zone supply office.

The zone supply stated that their office had no specimens because of demands in the stock market for exhibition purposes and that the medals referred to did not yet have furnished for distribution. The Mint somehow got this order and sent us the old Spanish War Mexican Border Campaign Badges which were not the pieces we were looking for. We therefore again, inquiring again for the two National Guard Medals provided the same as ready for distribution. We are very anxious to get specimens of them as we are preparing plates for all of our members who is writing a book on the subject. We would also appreciate information if the new Victory Medal is soon in the design has been approved. We regret troubling you so much on this matter.

I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Your reference no.
a.g. 220-5 Misc Div

Curator.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

July 3, 1919.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wyman:

The list of foreign decorations which have been awarded to Americans for service in this war is as follows:

ENGLAND

- > Order of the Bath
- > Order of St. Michael and St. George
- > Distinguished Service Order
- Distinguished Service Cross
- > Military Medal
- > Military Cross
- > Royal Victorian Order
- Distinguished Service Medal? - *Distin*
- Distinguished Flying Cross . . . *in the front*
- Air Force Cross
- Order of St. John of Jerusalem
- Humane Society for Life Saving
- For protecting Life from Fire.

FRANCE

- > Legion of Honor
- > Military Medal
- > Croix de Guerre
- > Medal of National Recognition
- > Order of the Black Star of Benin
- > Palms
- Medal for Saving Life

ITALY

- > Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazare
- > Order of the Crown
- > Medal for Valor
- War Cross
- Campaign Medal for Service at the Front

PORUGAL

- > Order of St. Benedict of Avis
- > Order of Christ
- > Order of the Tower and Sword
- > Order of St. James of the Sword
For Military and Meritorious Service

BELGIUM

- > Order of Leopold
- Order of the Crown
- > War Cross

GREECE ✓

- > Order of the Redeemer
- Order of George I
- Military Order of Merit

RUSSIA

- > Cross of St. George
- > Order of St. Stanislas

SERBIA

- > Order of the White Eagle
- > Order of St. Sava

JAPAN

- > Order of the Rising Sun
- > Order of the Secret Treasure

ROUMANIA

- > Order of Michael the Brave

CHINA

- Order of Wen Ha

MONTENEGRO

- > Order of Danilo I

The following were awarded to Americans before this present war but under the Act of Congress they are now allowed to accept them:

ENGLAND

- > Queen's South African Medal
- > King Edward's Coronation Medal
- > King George's Coronation Medal

ITALY

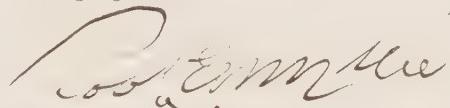
- > King's Medal for Service in the Messina Earthquake
- > Red Cross Medal for Service in the Messina Earthquake

FRANCE

- Annam Medal

I do not guarantee that this is a complete list but I think it is very nearly so. I have the colors of the ribbons of all of the above except the Grecian "Military Order of Merit", and that I will probably get in a few days as one of the officers to whom it has been awarded is in the War Department here and expects to receive it shortly.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT E. WYLLIE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

REW/cma

July 5, 1919..

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wyman:

The list of foreign decorations which have been awarded to Americans for service in this war is as follows:

England

- Order of the Bath
- Order of St. Michael and St. George
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Military Medal
- Military Cross
- Royal Victorian Order
- Distinguished Service Medal
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Air Force Cross
- Order of St. John of Jerusalem
- Humane Society for Life Saving
- For protecting Life from Fire.

Wons Star

Charles E. Wilson

France

- Legion of Honor
- Military Medal
- Croix de Guerre
- Medal of National Recognition
- Order of the Black Star of Benin
- Palm
- Medal for Saving Life

Italy

- Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazare
- Order of the Crown
- Medal for Valor
- War Cross
- Campaign Medal for Service at the Front

Order of Savoy

Portugal

Order of St. Benedict of Avis
Order of Christ
Order of the Tower and Sword
Order of St. James of the Sword
For Military and Meritorious Service

Belgium

Order of Leopold
Order of the Crown

War Cross

Order of Leopold II

Greece

Order of the Redeemer
Order of George I
Military Order of Merit

Serbia

Order of the White Eagle
Order of St. Sava

Japan

Order of the Rising Sun
Order of the Secret Treasure

Roumania

Order of Michael the Brave

China

Order of Wen Ha

Montenegro

Order of Danilo I

Russia

Order of St. Stanislas
Cross of St. George

Panama

La Solid Arribat

Leyte Long.

Order of the Crown

The following were awarded to Americans before this present war but under the Act of Congress they are now allowed to accept them:

England

Queen's South African Medal
King Edward's Coronation Medal
King George's Coronation Medal

Italy

King's Medal for Service in the Messina Earthquake
Red Cross Medal for Service in the Messina Earthquake

France

Annam Medal

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Very truly yours,

Robert E. Wyllie,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

W. H. Dugay & Son
Manufacturers

July 5th, 1910

Colonel Robert E. Wyllie,
General Staff,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Wyllie:-

I wish to thank you for the list of decorations etc. conferred upon Americans by foreign governments. It may interest you to know that of those named in your list, we have in our collection, either originals or miniatures suitable for photographing, the following:-

ENGLAND

Order of the Bath
Order of St. Michael and St. George
Distinguished Service Order
Military Medal
Military Cross
Royal Victorian Order

FRANCE

Legion of Honor
Military Medal
Croix de Guerre
Order of the Black Star of Benin
Palms

ITALY

Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazare
Order of the Crown
Medal for Valor

PORUGAL

Order of St. Benedict of Avis
Order of Christ
Order of the Tower and Sword
Order of St. James of the Sword

To Col. R. E. Wyllie, July 5, 1919

To Col.

BELGIUM

Order of Leopold
War Cross

GREECE

Order of the Redeemer

RUSSIA

Cross of St. George
Order of St. Stanislas

SERVIA

Order of the White Eagle
Order of St. Sava

JAPAN

Order of the Rising Sun
Order of the Sacred Treasure

MONTENEGRO

Order of Danilo I

Of the decorations awarded to Americans before
this war we have:-

ENGLAND

Queen's South African Medal
King Edward's Coronation Medal
King George's Coronation Medal

We probably have also one or two of the others on
your list in our cabinet which have not yet been placed in
the exhibition cases. I shall look these up and let you know
shortly.

I notice among the English decorations you mention
the Distinguished Service Medal. Is this new. I do not remember
having heard of it. Of course we have the medal for Distinguished
Conduct in the Field which is not on your list but which I
was under the impression had been given to some Americans.

In your list of Japanese decorations is the Order of
the Secret Treasure. I presume this is a stenographer's error
and the Sacred Treasure was meant.

As I told you at the time of your visit to the Museum
we shall be very glad to have these pieces photographed for you
and to assist you in any way possible.

Since writing the foregoing, I find I neglected to include Roumanian order of Michael the brave which we have.

We also have a number of English medals given by different Humane Societies for saving life. Whether among these is the one on your list, I do not know but I think it very likely.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the Curator

England

Distinguished Service Cross
Military Cross
Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Force Cross
Order of St. John of Jerusalem
Humane Society for Life Saving
For protecting Life from Fire.

France

Medal of National Recognition
Medal for Saving Life.

Italy

War Cross
Campaign Medal for Service at the Front

Portugal

For Military and Meritorious Service

Belgium

Order of the Crown

Order of George I

Military Order of Merit

Order of Michael the Brave

China

Order of Wen Ho

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

July 7, 1919.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th St.,
New York City.

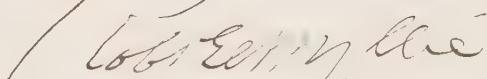
My dear Mr. Wyman:

The English Distinguished Service Medal was established in 1914. It is awarded to enlisted men of the navy for gallantry under fire. It is not the same as the Distinguished Conduct in the Field Medal. I have not heard of any specific cases of awards of the latter to Americans although I have no doubt there are some. As I told you my list is undoubtedly not complete but it gives all those of which I have absolute information.

Yes, that was an error in the Japanese decoration. It should be "Order of the Sacred Treasure".

I expect to see you later regarding the photographs which I would like to get. You can expect a visit from Captain D'Olier shortly regarding the clasps for our Victory Medal.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT E. WYLLIE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY
REFER TO 220.5-Misc. Div.

July 8, 1919.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo, regarding your desire to obtain the new Spanish National Guard Medal, Mexican Border National Guard Medal and Puerto Rican Occupation Badge, I have the honor to inform you that the Quartermaster General has this day been directed to furnish you with the badges referred to, same to be engraved "For Exhibition Purposes Only" and the cost of the engraving to be charged to you.

Very truly yours,

P.C. Harris
The Adjutant General
Per *mac*

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July 9th, 1919

Colonel Robert E. Wyllie,
General Staff,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Wyllie:-

Thanks for your letter of July 7th. After writing to you I ran across a very good illustration of the English Distinguished Service Medal and also found that we had a miniature of it. I hope that we will soon be able to add a specimen of the medal itself to our collection.

Monday morning Mr. Fraser and Captain D'Olier called at the Museum and we had a very interesting discussion of the possibilities in regard to clasps for the Victory Medal. We all agreed with you in feeling that a clasp similar to those on the English medal for service in the Peninsula was the proper thing and I believe Captain D'Olier decided to have a sample like these made up.

Since then I have been giving some thought to the matter and wonder if you have considered the desirability of issuing the medal and clasps completely assembled. This may add to the labor of issue but I feel strongly that there are certain decided advantages to be gained by this procedure which would balance the difficulties to be overcome. Should side pieces be adopted and the clasps issued loose, there is a great possibility that each man receiving them either will have them fastened to the side pieces with improper spacing or not in the regular order. If the side pieces are not to be used the confusion might be even greater and the chance of the clasps being properly placed on the ribbon would be lessened. Certainly they would be more apt to get out of the horizontal or too close together, thus ruining the appearance of the decoration as a whole. The issue of a medal and clasps unassembled would also greatly increase the possibility of "faking" by the addition of clasps to which the wearer is not entitled. My experience in collecting and arranging campaign medals has convinced me that this bound to occur unless precautions against it are taken. This might be especially true in this country where the great mass of our men are not fami-

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liar with the etiquette of military decorations. Does it not seem worth while to take some slight additional trouble for the sake of assuring correctness and uniformity of appearance.

You may be interested to know that I have just learned that Webb C. Hayes of Spiroel Grove, Fremont, Illinoian, formerly Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Infantry, U. S. V. and A. D. C. on the personal staff of Gen. Chaffee during the China Relief Expedition in 1900 was decorated by General Lyautey, the French Resident General at Fez, Morocco on August 15th, 1911 with the French-Moroccan Military Order of Ouissam Alaouite.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the Curator

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DEPOT QUARTERMASTER
U. S. ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
AND REFER TO

War Department

Depot Quartermaster's Office

WASHINGTON

NO.

July 15th, 1919.

From: Zone Supply Office, Badge Section, Washington, D. C.
To: The American Numismatic Society, Broadway, N. Y.
Subject: Campaign Medals.

1. With reference to your letter of June 25th, 1919, addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., requesting to be furnished with Spanish War Service Medal and Mexican Border Service Medal, you are advised that this office has been directed to furnish the American Numismatic Society with the above mentioned medals; the same to be engraved, "For exhibition purposes only" and the expense of the engraving, as well as the cost of the medals, to be charged to that society.
2. The cost price of the medals is sixty-five cents (65¢) each, and the engraving, seventy-five cents (75¢) each; making a total cost of three dollars and thirty cents (3.30), upon receipt of which sum immediate shipment will be made.
3. Please make check on Washington, D. C. Bank, or Postal Money Order, payable to the order of the Zone Supply Officer, Washington, D. C.
4. Regarding photographs of the Victory Medal, you are referred to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Zone Supply Officer:

W. R. Morgan
W. R. MORGAN
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C. U.S.A.
L. W. W.

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Coin + medal T. W. Wood "B"

Said by H. Wood.

P.O. charges $\frac{3.30}{.05}$
 $\underline{3.35}$

Please send check to Howland Wood for 3.35
against this as per voucher.

Address reply to the
Zone Finance Officer,
461 8th Avenue, New York.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ZONE SUPPLY OFFICER
NEW YORK CITY

No.

July 17, 1919.

FROM: Office of the Director of Purchase, P.S. & T., General Staff,
Washington, D.C.
TO: Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
c/o American Numismatic Society
Broadway & 156th St., New York City

SUBJECT: Victory Medal.

1. In assisting in the design of the Victory Medal, it is requested that you loan five barred English Army General Service Medal, as shown the undersigned, and that same be forwarded to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., attention of Mr. G. T. Morgan.

2. It seems impossible to convey to the Mint the exact arrangement of attaching the battle clasps in making samples of the Victory Medal, and as the general scheme of the above mentioned medal should be carried out, it is requested that in assisting the General Staff that this medal be forwarded and it will be returned in its original condition by the Mint.

3. If possible it would be a much better idea if Mr. Wyman could take this medal to the Mint and thus make it possible to convey to them the arrangement desired.

4. Your assistance in this matter will, of course, make possible an early decision as regards the detail of designing and the early issue of the medal.

5. There is enclosed herewith a piece of the Victory ribbon which has been approved and is being bought for the issue with the medal.

By authority of the Director of Purchase & Storage.

F.W. D'Olier
F.W. D'OLIER
Captain, Q.M.C.
C & E Division

FWD/B

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT
PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1919.

No: CE CT 421 - Medals.
From: Office Director of Purchase, C. & E. Div., Textile Equipment Subsection
To: American Numismatic Society, Broadway, between 155th and 156th St., New York.
Subject: Loan of English General Service Medal to the Philadelphia Mint.

1. This office is in receipt of your letter of July 19th, relative to the above, and it is very pleased with the fact that you will be able to deliver the medal in question to the Philadelphia Mint personally.

2. It is thought that by doing this, you will be able to convey to the Mint the arrangement of attaching the Battle Clasps in manufacturing the samples of the Victory Medal, and thereby avoid any unnecessary delay in the issuance of same.

3. This office wishes to express its thanks for your prompt assistance in regard to this matter.

By authority of the Director of Purchase and Storage.

Office Director of Purchase.
CLOTHING & EQUIPAGE DIVISION.

F. W. D'OLIER,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Chief, Textile Equipment Subsection.

By:



K. B. FOSS.

KBF/AT.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ZONE SUPPLY OFFICER
U. S. ARMY
WASHINGTON D C
AND REFER TO

War Department

Zone Supply Office

WASHINGTON

NO

August 6th, 1919.

From: Zone Supply Office, Badge Section, Washington, D. C.
To: American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City, N.Y.
Subject: Campaign Medal s.

1. There is being forwarded to you this date, by registered mail, one Mexican Border Service Medal #577, and one Spanish War Service Medal #701, both engraved, "For Exhibition Purposes Only;" also one dollar, (\$1.00) refund.

2. Request that you receipt for same hereon.

By direction of the Zone Supply Officer:

W. G. Miller
Zone Supply Officer, U.S.A.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
ZONE SUPPLY OFFICER
U. S. ARMY
WASHINGTON D C
AND REFER TO

War Department
Zone Supply Office
WASHINGTON

August 6th, 1919.

NO

From: Zone Supply Office, Badge Section, Washington, D. C.
To: The Director, American Legionatic Society, Broadway between 155th & 156th
Sts., New York City.
Subject: Campaign Medals.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated July 15th, 1919, advising that the cost price of one Spanish War Service Medal, and one Mexican Border Service Medal, including the cost of engraving on both medals, would amount to three dollars and thirty cents, (\$3.30), and that upon receipt of this sum immediate shipment would be made, this office desires to correct its statement regarding the cost of the engraving, which should have been one dollar (\$1.00) for each medal, instead of seventy-five cents; or four cents per letter per medal. The amount remitted was the correct amount as requested by this office. However, the firm that agreed to do the engraving fell down on the job, and this office secured the services of an engraver to do this work at two cents per letter; though after a few days delay.

2. The medals will be shipped today by registered mail, under separate cover, and these will be enclosed with medal #377, a refund of one dollar, (\$1.00) in currency.

3. The delay in making shipment of these medals was occasioned by the difficulty in having the engraving done.

By direction of the Zone Supply Officer:

W.P. Morgan
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C., U.S.A.

August 7th, 1919

Colonel Robert E. Millie,
General Staff,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Millie:-

I noticed a few days ago in the New York Times a press dispatch dated "Canton, Aug. 3" stating that General Pershing had decorated the colors of all the French, Eighteenth and Fourteenth Field Artillery with Fur Crosses. The dispatch does not say what the cross but in the decorating was done by the American General I have thought it possible that it might be visiting the French custom and that the cross referred to was the Distinguished Service Cross. Can you give me any information in regard to the matter? If it was the D. S. C. is there any possibility of following the French procedure still further and giving a fourragere for American units so honored?

Our museum has recently received as a gift from the manufacturers some dozen or more medals and crosses given by organizations, towns, cities and so forth to returning soldiers. Three of those which however are ones designed for Allen County, (Indiana?), Chattanooga and Hamilton Co. Tenn. and one for a "Col. and Major" are suspended from ribbons which are alike in size of the ribbon and in design for the Vicksburg unit. Is there a right to have this ribbon so used and I am wondering if it is gold or could be presented. I shall be glad to give you what information I have about it in detail, if you so desire.

Respectfully yours,

Assistant to Curator

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

August 14, 1919.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
C/o The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wyman:

Replying to yours of the 7th, the decoration of the colors referred to in the dispatch was undoubtedly the French Croix de Guerre, for a citation in French Army orders, and was probably done at the request of the French. It is not our custom yet to do such decorating, although I may tell you confidentially that we are now studying this matter and expect to adopt some sort of a plan along those lines. The French fourragère is now authorized by the War Department in all cases where it has been formally awarded by the French Government.

Thank you for your information regarding the ribbons being close copies of the Victory Ribbon. There is no way that we can prevent this at present, but there is a bill now before Congress which, if it passes, will make this practice illegal.

Yours truly,



ROBERT E. WYLLIE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT
~~PURCHASE, STORAGE AND TRAFFIC DIVISION~~
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1919.

No: CE-CT 421 Ribbons

From: Office Director of Purchase, C. & E. Div., Textile Equipment Subsection.

To: American Numismatic Society, Broadway, Bet. 155th and 156th St., New York City.

Subject: Oak Leaf Clusters.

1. It is understood that Captain D'Olier, before being discharged from the service, made arrangements to secure one half dozen Oak Leaf Clusters, small, and one half dozen Oak Leaf Clusters, large, from the U. S. Mint, for you, to be used for experimental work, and exposition purposes.

2. Inasmuch as the Oak Leaf Clusters mentioned have been forwarded to this office by the Mint, it is requested that you advise details of this matter fully, as per your agreement with Capt. D'Olier, in order that this office may be more conversant with the facts. If it is desired that these Oak Leaf Clusters be forwarded to you, it is suggested that you notify this office as early as possible, in order that the experimental work in connection with the Victory Medal may not be delayed.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase and Storage.

CLOTHING & EQUIPAGE DIVISION.

By:

Frank I. DeHaven
FRANK I. DEHAVEN,
Captain, Q.M.C.,
Asst. Chief, G. & T. Branch.

KBF/AT.

*Office of the Director of Purchase and Storage
August 21, 1919
Director of Purchase and Storage*

August 23, 1919.

Captain Frank I. de Haven,
Asst. C. & T. Branch,
Office Director of Purchase.

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of August 20th relating to the Oak Leaf Clusters required in our collection by Captain R'Olier the following is the situation.

Early in July last, Colonel Robert E. Wyllie came to us to consult on specimens of the collection of War Medals and Decorations for suggestions in regard to the design and construction of the Victory Medal. Later Captain R'Olier also visited us several times about this project, and gave us the number of the British P.M.C. that several European medals from our collection. It was hoped that these would be of assistance in putting the dies for the Victory Medal.

We understand that this was all that he could do in regard to the Victory Medal but the value of our library for consultation and suggestions in similar matters depends upon keeping our collection as complete and up to date as possible and with this idea in view Colonel Wyllie promised that we should receive a specimen of the last style Oak Leaf Clusters mentioned above.

Captain D'Olier upon his last visit informed us that he had received instructions from Colonel Wyllie to furnish these to us and we presume that those you have received from the Mint are the ones in question. We do not however, need more than one specimen of each type. This we would be glad to get at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WAR DEPARTMENT
~~PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION~~
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

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August 26, 1919

No: CE-CT 421 Ribbons

From: Office Director of Purchase, C & E Div., Textile Equipment Subsection.

To: The American Numismatic Society, Between 155th & 156th Sts, Broadway
New York.

Subject: Oak Leaf Clusters

1. Referring to your letter of August 23, 1919 in regards to samples of Oak Leaf Clusters, you are advised that there is being forwarded this date under separate cover one of each of the large and small clusters as requested.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of samples for the records of this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase & Storage

CLOTHING & EQUIPAGE DIVISION

Frank De Haven
FRANK I. DE HAVEN
Capt. Q.M.C.
Asst. Chief, C & T Branch.

August 20, 1919.

Captain Frank T. M. Hayes,
Assistant Chief, C. & G. Branch,
Office of the Director of Purchasing, Bureau of
Munitions Building, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of August 16th enclosing the Oak leaf
clusters is recd. We beg to acknowledge the receipt of
one large and one small Oak Leaf Cluster to be used for
exhibition purposes.

Very truly yours,

Curator..

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This new state was formed of four component parts by the action of the Paris Conference at Paris, Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia and Slovakia. There is still no regular government for this state, and as a result no formally adopted and complete system of decorations.

The Czechoslovak representatives in Siberia, who are directing the Czechoslovak armies in Siberia and eastern Russia, have instituted the Order of Sokol, or Hawk, to reward military services rendered in their army. The badge is of gold and consists of a central medallion from which extend five arms of equal length and shaped in general like the arms of a Maltese cross, the outer edges, however, are convex. These five arms represent the five great powers which determined the future of Czechoslovakia at the Peace Conference, United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. The central medallion is enameled white and on it are three hills in blue, representing the three principal mountains of Slovakia; above the hills fly four hawks in gold, representing the four component lands. The arms are enameled blue with white borders and edged in gold. On the reverse is the monogram "C.S." When awarded for services rendered in action the badge is surmounted by crossed swords in gold. The ribbon is red with a narrow white stripe in the center and a yellow thread near each edge.

The Czechoslovak representatives in Paris have adopted a war cross to reward services rendered in action under very much the same conditions as the French Croix de Guerre. It is of bronze and consists of four interlaced circles so placed as to form a cross. Within each are the arms of the four component lands, the upper being the lion of Bohemia, the lower the three hills of Slovakia with a double cross above, known as the apostolic cross, one side the eagle of Moravia and the other the eagle of Silesia. These two eagles are approximately the same in general design but that of Moravia is red with a checkerboard effect and that of Silesia has a peculiar device extending through the wings.

On the reverse is the monogram "C.S." in the center and leaves of the lime tree within each of the circles. The lime tree can almost be considered as the national tree of Czechoslovakia. For subsequent awards a number of lime tree leaves is placed on the ribbon and on the service ribbon. The ribbon is red with two white stripes and white edges; down the center of each stripe, and on the edge is a red thread.

September 25th, 1919.

Col. Robert E. Wyllie,
Office of the General of Staff,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

My dear Col. Wyllie:-

The other day Mr. Merritt handed me memorandum that you wanted photographs of certain medals. I am sending you front and back of the Czecho-Slovak Cross, front and back of the French Medal of Recognition, second and third class. The Greek Order of Military Merit is something new. I do not know what it looks like. We have here the new Greek medal sent to us with Merite Venezelos. This may be the piece you are after. Probably you can verify this. If there is anything else you want, and we have it we will be very glad to send it to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

OFFICE OF
THE CURATOR

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10 - 5, WEEK-DAYS

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

October 1st, 1919.

Col. Robert E. Wyllie,
Officers General Staff,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Wyllie:-

Would it be too much trouble for you to add to the enclosed list, which you sent us in July, any new orders and decorations that have come to your attention as having been given to Americans in the service.

I received the other day a Montenegro medal for bravery as well as one or two Servian and Roumanian ones I do not know about.

I forgot whether I sent you a photograph of the Roumanian Order of Michael the Brave. We have the medal here now.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Howard Brook
Curator.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

October 3, 1919.

Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am returning the list of foreign decorations, adding in pencil those which I know have been awarded to Americans since making up the original list.

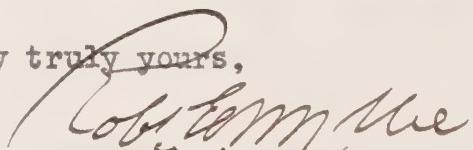
The two added British medals have been awarded only to Americans who served in the British Army, but of course we have several of such who later came into our own Army.

The Panamanian medal I have given under the name as given to me. I am at a loss, however, to understand what it means.

Regarding the Chinese decoration of the Wen Hu, I am not sure whether this has actually been awarded to Americans. As the information came to me that was the name given and the ribbon was said to be red with white edges. However, that is the ribbon for the Order of the Chah Ho (Golden Grain) which is a military order, while the Wen Hu order has a different ribbon and is awarded for scientific and literary work. I am in communication with the Chinese Embassy and hope to clear this matter up shortly.

Thank you for the photographs you sent me. I hope to be in New York this month to get some photographs for my publication. It has been delayed because I have been preparing an article for the National Geographic, which will appear in their December number, on American decorations and medals, with illustrations in colors.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT E. WYLLIE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

October 7, 1919.

Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Further, in connection with the Grecian decorations, I have just seen an officer who returned from there with a Military Medal of Merit. It has an orange ribbon with two black stripes and at first glance looks very much like the ribbon of the Order of St. George of Russia. It is awarded only for military services and has four classes, the first three being distinguished by a wreath on the ribbon, in gold, silver and bronze according to class. The medal, photograph of which you sent me, ribbon being black and blue, is not the Military Medal of Merit but is one which is awarded only for gallantry in action, the Military Medal of Merit being given for any meritorious military services. The name of the one which you sent me this officer did not know but he did not believe that it was "Merite Venizelos" as he never heard that term used and he saw several of the medals. Both of these were instituted by Venizelos when he was head of the provisional government at Saloniki, 1916-17, in order to have something with which to reward his soldiers, as of course he could not give them the regular Grecian decorations which were controlled by the crown. After the fall of Constantine these two decorations were taken over by the regular Grecian government and are still being awarded. The Grecian Minister has written to Athens for full information and expects it by the end of this month or the first of November.

Regarding China, the Order of the Chah-Ho, as I wrote you, has a red ribbon with white edges, the badge itself being enamelled white. The Order of the Wen-Hu has a green ribbon with red edges and the badge is blue with a tiger on it. Then there is also the Order of Pao Kwang Chah-Ho but I have not seen either the badge or the ribbon. If you get one please let me know about it. The Attaché at the Chinese Legation tells me that he recently saw where two Chinese governors were awarded the Order of the White Eagle. He believes this must be a new Chinese decoration although he has no further information about it, but he is writing to China to get data but does not expect a reply inside of three months.

The Panamanian Republic has recently instituted a medal called "La Solidaridad" which they translate "The Allied Effort". It has three classes, the first class being in gold, the other two in bronze, the second class distinguished by a rosette on the ribbon. The ribbon is red with 1/4 inch blue stripe down the center and a 1/8 inch white stripe on each side of the blue. Quite a number have been given to Americans.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT E. WYLLIE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

October 10, 1919.

Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose herewith data I have obtained regarding the Czecho-Slovakian decorations. I have not heard of the Order of Sokol being bestowed on any Americans but think it highly probable that it will be given to some of the members of our troops in Siberia.

I have also recently learned that one of our officers, at least, has received the Medal of Military Merit from Cuba. This medal has three different ribbons, red, white ~~and~~ blue, depending on the class of services for which awarded.

Very truly yours,



ROBERT E. WYLLIE,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief, Equipment Branch,
Operations Division.

Incl.

October 11th, 1919.

Col. Robert E. Wyllie,

Equipment Branch,

Office of the Chief of Staff,

War Department, Washington, D.C.

My dear Col. Wyllie:-

Your two favors of October 3rd and 7th at hand, and many thanks for the inquiries you have made. I note that you have not done the Morocco Order of Alouite Quisca. I am trying to locate the authority of a decoration that I understand the French Government has given to our Ambulance men. The ribbon has a good deal of orange in it. The medal is round and gilt. In the centre is a flying bird, the insignia of the French Army. On one side the French cock and the other an eagle. I will also write to China to one of my very good correspondents there about the new Chinese orders. I may get different information on these than what you get.

My assistant, Mr. Tymen, is now in England, and I am hoping that he will run down a good deal of information that we lack.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

October 20th, 1919.

Col. Robert N. Wyllie,
Equipment Branch,
Office of the Chief of Staff,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Dear Col. Wyllie:-

I am happy with sending you a photograph of
the obverse of the Italian war cross. The ribbon is
bright light blue and white, greatly more ultramarine
blue. I have learned nothing more about any of the new
decorations.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

February 3, 1920

Col. Robert E. Wyllie
General Staff
Chief, Equipment Branch
Operations Division
War Department, Washington, D.C.

My dear Col. Wyllie:

While recently in London, I had the privilege of meeting Lt. Col. Sir Arthur Loetham, Secretary and Curator of the Royal United Service Institution. Sir Arthur said that there had recently been a great interest taken in American military decorations by English officers, as a result of the fact that a number of English soldiers have received the Distinguished Service Medal, &c. He expressed the desire that the United Service Institution might secure a complete set of the American Army medals, including the campaign badges, and I told him that I would see if these could be obtained for him. I am writing to you to ask if there is any way in which this could be done.

As you know, we have secured these for our own Museum through the courtesy of the War Department and yourself, marked in each case "For exhibition purposes only", and it seemed possible to me that some similar arrangement could be made for the United Service Institution.

I am very anxious to accomplish this because the United Service Museum seems to be the only organization in London which is trying to do somewhat the same sort of thing that we are here trying to do in regard to decorations and medals, and I feel that the courtesy extended to them would probably be of great assistance to us later on in the way of securing data in regard to English medals.

Hoping that I may see you some time at our Museum before long,

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to Curator.

22d January, 1929

Department of the Quarter-Master General,
United States Army, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are anxious to get a specimen of the Distinguished Flying Cross for our Museum. Kindly let us know what this will be, and we will remit for the same.

In checking-up our decorations, we find that we would like to show both sides and both ribbons of the Campaign badge for Indian Campaigns. We have specimens of both the old and the new ribbons, so would like to include in this order an Indian Campaign medal.

Very truly yours,

Curator

October 24, 1932.

Adjutant General
United States Army
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of finding out the largest number of bars issued with a Victory Medal. I understand that one was issued with over ten bars. If this requires too much trouble to look up please do not bother but I thought in this instance you might have at hand this record.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

Curator

October 24, 1932.

Adjutant General
United States Army
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We desire to make application for the new silver Star citation for gallantry with its ribbon. If the oak leave clusters worn on the service bar or with the medal have been changed we would like to have these also. The ones we now have are those we got shortly after the war. These are for exhibition purposes in our museum.

Very truly yours,

JW:JG

Curator

July 1, 1936

Office of the Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have just checked up the campaign and other medals issued by the War Department on view in our Museum. The last ones we procured from your Department were the Soldiers' Medal, Order of the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, with oak cluster, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

I understand there has recently been issued a General Staff badge. We would like to purchase two of these and also any other medals issued since those I have enumerated.

As it has been your custom to have inscribed on these "specimen" or "for exhibition purposes only", kindly let me know the cost of same and I will have a money order sent you.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks